

UDNY COMMUNITY COUNCIL.

Meeting Minute of: 15th February 2023. 7:30 pm.

Location: The Medan Centre. Pitmedden.

Minute by: Colin Duncan

Community Council Member Attendees:

<u>Paul Bailey (Chair)</u>	Gary D. Bruce
<u>Colin Duncan (Secretary)</u>	Mike MacDonald
Matt Kaye (Treasurer)	George Duncan.
Claire Woodward	Phil Coventry
Sue Hebendon	

Aberdeenshire Council Members:

Cllr Derek Ritchie; Cllr Andrew Hassan; Cllr Paul Johnston, Cllr Jenny Nichol (videolink)

Member of Public: Ina Clark

Minute:

- 1. Police Report** - Nothing of significance noted in report. Meeting attended by Police member. (Name ?)
It was confirmed that the current interactive speed sign at southbound intersection of Laurel Cottages is authority owned equipment.
Police Scotland contact email address for our area
MIIdformartinecpt@scotland.police.uk (or call 101)
- 2. Apologies:** Regina Hesdon-Noble
- 3. Approval of previous minutes:** Proposed by Matt Kaye seconded by George Duncan.
- 4. Declaration of Members' Interest; None presented.**
- 5. New Items....**
 - **January Meeting lessons learned from abandoned meeting-**: A combination of Late call-off of UCC secretary; lack of familiarity with requirements to engage as a HYBRID style meeting and adverse weather led to an abandonment of the meeting after several attempts to communicate / connect with a Quorum of members. Engagement in

performing a Trial Run of a Hybrid enabling setup at The Medan has subsequently led to a successful execution of the February meeting.

- **Pedestrian crossing – Old Meldrum Road** – Concerned parents had approached the UCC regarding 'safe crossing' over the Old Meldrum road from the Bronnieside / Bronnie Crescent area. Consideration of a controlled crossing had been requested similar to that of B999 Patrol managed Zebra crossing. This matter was not new and had been subject to discussion over past years. Previous result of concerns led to the 'Build-outs' at the foot of Bronnieside and opposite the rear door of the 'Sunflower Garden' takeaway. It was noted that traffic speed onto Old Meldrum Road from the B999 often appeared excessive, the close proximity of the Build-out to the junction presented heightened safety concerns. Pursuit of a resolution shall require a strong case demonstrating the need for such a crossing. Part of this would be to ascertain the scope of concern, a suggestion for creation of a survey to quantify the concerns would assist. It was also noted that it was not only the parents and children accessing the Nursery / School but also many of the elderly and lesser mobile members of our community. Action: Consider the best option to garner the public opinion regarding the issue. UCC to deliberate.

6. Items discussed at Previous meeting. –

- **Formal vote on Associated Member:** Unanimous vote carried in favour of adoption of Sue Heberton as Associate Member.
- **Udny Resilience organisation:** Phil Coventry updated members as follows: Flood Fund has allowed the creation of Sand store and two Filling stations with welcome assistance from Aberdeen Council in the provision of Containers for storage. Flood response plans are in place to prevent past experience of delayed action.

Resilience group now have 60 volunteers with implementation plans in progress. Recent success in obtaining a grant has allowed the purchase of a portable Generator. Next order of business is to finalise the established Structure, Utilisation of the Medan Centre and develop written agreements.

- **West Coullie Croft – Flooding:** Following on from November 18th item regarding insufficient flood water management. Contact made with Philip Leiper. Awaiting response. Members were made aware of location and conditions experienced by residents of the location affected. It was suggested that the Land Owner be formally contacted by UCC regarding the situation. Action:

Secretary to obtain name and postal address of Land Owner. Create a formal communication on behalf of UCC regarding the situation, seeking the land owners intentions.

Update :- post meeting communication re above - "I can advise that this will be added to our Confirm Asset Management system as a service request.

This will trigger an inspection and may result in a Section 99 notice being served on the landowner under the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984.

Your details will be added as a contact so as it progresses you will then receive updates from the system.

Regards, Phil Leiper I.Eng FIHE"

- **Improvements to the Amenity of Towns and Villages for the benefit of all - 2022/23 Funding** :- Procurement of Bench pending bank details to allow transfer of fund to respective party procuring item on our behalf. Procurement through the third party provides benefit related to tax implications.
- **Udny Green lighting** ! Temp replacement lamp. This will remain the case for a while as we are intending to replace all the lighting with Udny Green with LED as per our commitment to replace all our old HID street lights with LED. Planned for 2023-2024 financial year. It is expected that lighting, other than the lighting elements, shall remain unchanged and in keeping with Heritage Village status.
- **UCC Domain Name**: UDNY.ONLINE, Meeting with DEV4 and Matt plus Colin, date to be confirmed? **Action: Contact (Ros) DEV4 for available dates.**
- **Road Safety**:- Engagement in the Speed Watch' program anxiously awaited. Updates received through Aberdeenshire Council. It was noted that Police were present in Pitmedden executing a speed check recently. It was reported that a number of vehicles were seen to be actively reducing speed once in view of the Police presence. A number of vehicles were observed travelling over speed limit while only one had been significantly high enough to warrant being stopped and cautioned.

'Community Speed Watch' program remains in progress with meeting organised between Aberdeenshire Council, Community Councils and Police Scotland. Members shall be advised of Program planned meeting dates.
- **Traffic Survey (Nov/Dec 2022)**:- Paper copies of survey in receipt of Secretary. Data to be consolidated with online results and posted to members and Police Inspector. **Action: Secretary to complete.**

7. **Planning Applications:** Appeal submitted re APP/2021/0546, Beauty hill JKR Quarry. Scot Gov acknowledged appeal doc on 26/Jan 23. Pending reporter decision.
8. **Notable Items sent by e-mail:**
- **King Charles Coronation: FYI** *Event Liability cover. Existing policy covers conditional-on-PROVISION*
 1. Carry out a thorough risk assessment
 2. Comply with HSE guidance for bonfires, beacons, fireworks or inflatables
 3. Train your event volunteers and staff
 4. Ensure that third-party suppliers have their own Public Liability Insurance
 - ***iPads and speakers for the Community Councils within Formartine*** - UCC shall receive an iPad in due course. Principal application of iPad shall be in support of the Resilience Team communications in emergencies. Date of equipment delivery pending.
 - ***Warm Spaces***- *UCTC Open Doors sessions held every Tuesday 2:00 - 4:30pm at The Medan Centre. For additional information the following link shall take you to the Interactive warm space on our website. This is constantly updated as new warm spaces spring up. [Warm Spaces Aberdeenshire \(avashire.org.uk\)](https://www.warmspacesaberdeenshire.org.uk). ALSO see Udney Community Trust Facebook.*
 - ***Place Strategy*** :- Document detailing the Aberdeenshire Scheme and schedule stored in MS Teams UDNY COMMUNITY COUNCIL / General / 'Place Strategy Project 'Shire Council Feb 7th 2023' Folder for reference.
9. **Finance report:** Treasurer advised all receipts and expenditures accounted for. Amenity of Towns and Villages funding reserved awaiting purchase of bench and Pitmedden Litter Pick. Accounts in good order.
10. **Climate Action Report (represented by Gary Bruce):** Swap Shop events have been well supported. The next Swap Shop is Sunday 2nd April at The Medan Centre. A Low Carbon event, Renewable home heating visits, due to take place the evening of 2nd March with Climate Week North East due to commence last week of March. Further details of activity can be found on the following links. www.facebook.com/UdneyClimateAction or [HTTP://Climateaction.udny.org](http://Climateaction.udny.org)
11. **AOCB.** . *(Including any Udney settlement / trust updates, issues.)*
- The proposal to move the Bus Stop in front of the church to a location in front of the Hall. This having been considered at a previous meeting

resulting in a number of points being raised regarding impact on parking for parent collecting their children from the school and congestion concerns around the area impacted.

Congestion concerns were discussed acknowledging that the impact would be minimal due to Bus service schedules prevent simultaneous arrivals at the location. Current parking in front of the hall is an existing situation which has to date not created any *significant* congestion. The subsequent requirement for restriction of parking within a Bus Stop location would create challenges for those seeking to park to collect children from the school and as such remains a concern.

No consensus achieved therefore the matter remains open. Suggestion of a local survey be carried out to assess public opinion. Action: ??

- Clarification on Developer Obligations discussed. Secretary advised that recent presentation is available and would be circulated to members. A reminder that if nothing had been submitted in advance then developer obligation opportunity would not be an option. It was noted that the current 117 homes in Tarves had failed to obtain any Developer Obligation benefit.
- The matter of Road Signs within Milldale development has and is an issue. Many are positioned at right angles to the required visibility line of sight. This has been previously reported but to date no action taken. Action: UCC to report the fault and follow-up on progress.
- Community Council Chair, Paul Bailey, notified the members of his intention to stand down as Chair and member of UCC with immediate effect. This being due to work commitments and health issues. Members thanked Paul for his support and wished him all the best going forward.
- Community Council Secretary, Colin Duncan, advised of his intention to stand down as secretary and member of the UCC effective as of the April meeting (April 19th 2023). The decision had been difficult requiring a lot of soul searching and taken for personal reasons.

Next meeting shall be Wednesday March 15th 2023; commencing at 7:30 am.

Location: The Medan Centre. Quarry Room.